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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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16/03/2012: Mike, RA9FW and Igor, UA9CDC will be active from Le Calao, Somone, Senegal, as 6V7Z from 16-28 March, 2012. They will also take part in Russian DX Contest and CQ WPX SSB, Multi-Single entry. QSL via RA9FW. [dx-world.net]

16/03/2012: Ric, DL2VFR, and others will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 as DM50IOTA from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, GIA/DID O-001, WLOTA 0637, DOK I25) on 16-18 March, 2012. The special callsign is to celebrate the IOTA 50th Anniversary Marathon 2012/2013. QSL via DL2VFR, Bureau preferred. [425 DX News]

16/03/2012: Magne, LA2XNA (JW2XNA) and Jon, LA8HGA (JW8HGA) will be QRV on 160-10m with emphasis on the higher bands between 16-20 March 2012 from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125), Svalbard. Look for JW2XNA on SSB/PSK31/63 and JW8HGA on CW. QSL via home calls, direct or Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

16/03/2012: Matt, K0KKO and Ed, K0GUV plan to be active from Ilheu das Rolas (AF-023, WLOTA 1622, WW Loc. JI39GX), Sao Tome & Principe using the callsigns of S92DX, S9CW and S9SX on HF and 6m. QRV from 16-23 March, 2012. They will have two 6m stations (1 - IC756PROIII, ACOM1000, 8ele M2 (also used for EME); 2 - IC756PROIII, 1KW Amp TBD, 11ele short boom). Operating frequency of 50.105 MHz SSB, 50.105.7 MHz CW. Website: www.k0kko.net/pb/wp_5bd6e10c/wp_5bd6e10c.html [dx-world.net]

16/03/2012: Enrique, XE2AA and nine other operators will be active as XF1AA from Isla Isabela (NA-189, WFF XEFF-043) on 16-21 March, 2012. They plan to operate SSB, CW and the Digital modes. QSL via IT9EJW. [425 DX News]

17/03/2012: Rick, N6KT, will be active from Monte Verde, Mindelo, Ilha do Sao Vicente (AF-086, WLOTA 1976 WW Loc. HK76MV), Cape Verde, from 17-29 March, 2012 as D44TRS. He will also be active as D4A during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March). QSL via KU9C. [dx-world.net]

17/03/2012: Alain, F6CUG/p will be active on 17 March, 2012, from the Tower of the Confrerie (DFCF 21-122), Department Cote d'Or/21 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QRV on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

17/03/2012: Look for Patrick, F8DYD/p, to be active on 17 March 2012 from the Castle d'Artiges (DFCF 86-094, circa 1665) and the Mill des Dames (DMF 86-049), located in the commune of Chauvigny (CP 86300), Canton of Chauvigny (DDCF 86-04), Department Vienne/86 and Province Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). QRV on the HF bands, mainly SSB. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [F8DYD]

17/03/2012: Michel, F8GGZ/p, will be QRV on 17 March, 2012, from the Mill a Cylindres (DMF 39-081) and the Mill Berthet (DMF 39-082), located in the commune of Ladoye sur Seille (CP 39210), canton of Voiteur (DDCF 39-32), Department Jura/39 and Province Franche-Comte (DPF 10). QRV mainly on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [radioamateur.org]

17/03/2012: Mathias, DJ2HD, will once again be active as V5/DJ2HD from Omaruru, Namibia (WW Loc. JG78XO) between 17 and 26 March, 2012. QRV 160-10m, all modes. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. More information about QSLing at: www.qrz.com/db/dj2hd [NG3K]

17/03/2012: Esteban, XQ7UP, will be QRV from Coyhaique (Patagonia), Chile, between 17-25 March 17, 2012. QRV holiday style on the HF bands using mostly SSB, RTTY and PSK31. He will be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March). QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

17/03/2012: Alex XW3DT will be active from Vientiane, Laos, in the Russian DX Contest (17-18 March). He will be in the Single-Op/Single-Band 10m category. QSL via: Alex Sinchukov, XW3DT, SKY, P.O. BOX 7374, Vientiane, Laos (also instructions on QRZ.com). [DXAT]

18/03/2012: Frosty K5LBU (A25CF), Keith VE7MID (A25KW), Don VE7DS (A25DS) and Joel N5JR (A25JR) will be active from the Safari Lodge, Lotsane Safari Ranch, Tuli Block, Botswana, from 18-27 March, 2012. (GPS: 22?40.671'S 28?11.172'E - WW Loc. KG47CH). They will have 3 rigs and a log periodic plus wire antennas covering 160-6m. The whole group will work the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) using the callsign A25HQ. QSL A25DS via VE7DS. QSL both A25CF and A25HQ via K5LBU. [VE7DS]

18/03/2012: Andy, DL6AP, will be signing homecall/p from Ruegen Island (EU-057, GIA O-007, WLOTA 1712) between 18-21 March, 2012. Look for activity on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, Bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

18/03/2012: Look for Hiro, FO/JI1JKW to be active from Rangiroa Atoll (OC-066, DIFO FO-073, WLOTA 2404), Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia, from 18-22 March, 2012. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [425 DX News]

19/03/2012: A group of amateurs including David GI4FUM, Gilli GI8MIV, Richard GI4DOH, Kalle DM3BJ and Andre V51B plan to operate in the CQ WPX SSB contest from the QTH of Andre V51B in Oranjemund, Namibia, over the weekend of 24th/25th March using the callsign V55B. During the week prior to the contest they will operate on HF bands including CW and RTTY/PSK31. Their callsigns are now confirmed as V5/GI4FUM, V5/GI8MIV, V5/GI4DOH and V5/DM3BJ. All QSLs for the operation should go via David GI4FUM who is QTHR. Website: www.3da0ss.net/ [GI4FUM]

20/03/2012: Hartwig, DL7BC, plans to be active from Mayotte (AF-027, DIFO FH-001, WLOTA 0376) between 20 March and 6 April, 2012. TO-calls can be used only for two weeks in a six month period, so Hartwig will begin using TO7BC from 23 March onwards. Beforehand he will use FH/DL7BC. Participation in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) is planned. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Website: www.qslnet.de/dl7bc/ [dx-world.net]

20/03/2012: Look for John, W2GD, to be active from near Santa Cruz, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033) as P40W between 20-27 March, 2012. Activity will include a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March), from CQ zone 09. Outside the contest, John will be active on all HF bands and modes. QSL direct only to N2MM. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

20/03/2012: Once again Dave, W5CW, will be active from the VP5JM 'Hamlet' located on the island of Providenciales, North Caicos islands (NA-002) as VP5/W5CW between 20 March and 11 April, 2012. This will also include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March), using the callsign VP52V. Outside the contest Dave will be QRV on 160-6 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

20/03/2012: Joppy, YB8XM, and others will be active as YB8Y from Ohoiew Island, Kai Kecil Islands (OC-221, WW Loc. PI64HH). Plans are to be QRV on 160m to 6m, all modes, SSB CW and RTTY, between 20-26 March, 2012. They will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) as a Multi-Two entry. Operators include YB0AKM, YB0AZ, YB0JS, YB0ECT, YB0KVN, YB0BUI, YC0LOW, YC0TSU, YB0YJ, YD1JZ, YD1XUH, YB1CCF, YB1GJS, YB1PR, YB9YZ, YB9WR, YB9VBS, YB9VA, YB1MH, YD1GCL, YD1MRI, YD1ORZ, and crews: YB8VM, YC0VKI, YC0LLY, YC0KVM, YD1LUX and their Guest Opr: WK1S/JA1PBV. QSL via YB1GJS, direct or via the National QSL Bureau. Website: www.yb8y.com/ [YB0ECT]

21/03/2012: A large group of operators from DARC Ortsverband will be active as DA0HEL from the island of Helgoland (EU-127, GIA-N14, WLOTA 0518, WW Loc. JO34WE, DOK E20) from 21-28 March 2012. They will also activate Dune Island [aka Helgoland Duene] (EU-127, GIA-N-15, WLOTA 2130, WW Loc. JO34XE, DOK E20) for 2 to 3 days during this time frame. Expect activity on all HF bands and modes. QSL both calls via DF6QC, Bureau preferred. Please - NO 'E-QSL' ! [DE0MST]

21/03/2012: Jaime, WP3A, will be active as EF8C from Tenerife Island (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF), Canary Islands (AF-004), from 21-27 March, 2012. Activity will include the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via EB7DX. [NG3K]

21/03/2012: David, K2DBK, will be visiting family and operating as K2DBK/4, in his spare time, from Lido Key (NA-034, USi FL-027S, Sarasota County), Florida, between 21-23 March 2012. Current plans are to be on the air during his local afternoon between around 1700 - 2200 GMT, on 14.260 or 21.260 MHz (the standard IOTA frequencies), phone only. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

21/03/2012: Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active as P4/DF7ZS from P40V's QTH located in Sabana Basora, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033, WW Loc. FK52AL) between 21-27 March, 2012. Activity will be casual, but main operations will be during the CQ WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) using the callsign P41P. QSL P4/DF7ZS via DF7ZS. QSL P41P via W3HNK. [OPDX Bulletin]

21/03/2012: Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033) from 21-27 March 2012 as P40S (maybe). "Callsign might be subject to change! Will send update when paperwork is approved." QRV on all HF bands, CW and SSB. Helmut will also be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) @ P49V Monta?a, Noord, Aruba. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [NG3K]

21/03/2012: John K4BAI, Fred WW4LL, Brian NA4BW and Eric W4DXX will be active from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279) as PJ4/homecalls from 21-27 March, 2012. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes. They will also be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) as PJ4Z. QSL via home calls. QSL PJ4Z via K4BAI, direct and LoTW. [DXAT]

21/03/2012: Serge, RX3APM, will once again be active from Paramaribo, Suriname, as PZ5P from 21-26 March, 2012. Activity will include the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via UA4LU or LoTW. [OPDX Bulletin]

21/03/2012: Yuki JA3VWT (XT2VWT), Kita JA3IVU (XT2IVU), Jun JH3AEF (XT2AEF) and Shu JO3VVO (XT2VVO) will be active from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, between 21-28 March, 2012. They will be QRV on 80-10m SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via home calls. [dx-world.net]

22/03/2012: Tim, NL8F plans activity from Easter Island [aka Isla de Pascua; Rapa Nui] (SA-001, DICE ICE-001, WFF CEFF-027, WLOTA 0319) to coincide with the CQWW WPX SSB contest (24-25 March). He will also be active before and after the

contest as CE0Y/NL8F. It's possible his itinerary will allow him to activate one or two other South American IOTA until he departs Chile on 3 April, 2012. QSL via K8NA. [dx-world.net]

22/03/2012: Sei, JA7LU and Hiroo, JA2VWG will be active as XU7NPC and XU7DDD, respectively, from Sihanoukville (Grid Loc. OK21), Cambodia, between 22-26 March, 2012. Further activity is planned from Rong Samloem Island (AS-133, WLOTA 0096, Grid Loc. OK10) between 26-28 March. Look for both ops on 40-6m SSB and the Digital modes. QSL XU7NPC via JA7LU, direct or Bureau. QSL XU7DDD via JA2VWG, direct only. [dx-world.net]

23/03/2012: Steve, 9M6DXX, will be operating as 9M8Z from Sarawak (OC-088, WLOTA 0119), East Malaysia, once again from 23 to 28 March, 2012. Activity will include a single-operator all-band high-power entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest (24-25 March). QSL via Tim, M0URX, direct (SAE plus $2 or 1 new IRC), via the Bureau, LoTW, or OQRS (see m0urx.com/oqrs). [Pete at the DX-News-Desk]

23/03/2012: Tevfik, TA1HZ, will be active as ZA1TC from Durres, Albania on 23-26 March, 2012. This will include an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March). He plans to concentrate on 30 metres PSK31 outside the contest. QSL via TA1HZ, drect or Bureau. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

24/03/2012: Paul, 2E1EUB, will once again be active as 2M1EUB for 7 days beginning 24 March, 2212. Activity will be from the eastern side of Scotland (EU-005, WLOTA 1234), in the Cairngorms National Park (WFF GMFF-001, WW Loc. IO87MC). Activity will be on 160m, 80m, and the satellites (mostly AO-7 B/A mode), as well as 2m SSB. QSL via 2E1EUB, direct or Bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/2M1EUB [OPDX Bulletin]

24/03/2012: Operators Jorge EA7HZ, Al EA7JR, Manolo EA7LL, Cris EA7RU, Pedro EA7IZJ, Jorge EA9LZ and others will be active as ED9Z from Ceuta for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March), a Multi-?? entry from CQ zone 33. QSL via EA9LZ, direct only. [NG3K]

24/03/2012: Operators Raffaello IT9ATF, Renato IT9NPR, Pippo IT9PPG and Pino IT9WDC will once again be active as IF9A from Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011, MIA MI-025, WLOTA 1545) for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) as a Multi-Single entry, CQ zone 15. QSL via IT9ATF. [NG3K]

24/03/2012: Operators Giuseppe IT9HBT, Momo IT9GNG, Rino IT9FXY, Enzo IT9ECQ, Mike IF9ZWA, Sal IW9FRA, Mimmo IW9GTD, Davide IW9HII and Dario IT9RDZ will be QRV as II9K from Marsala, Sicily island (EU-025, IIA SC-001, MIA MI-107, WLOTA 1362), for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry, CQ zone 15. QSL via IT9HBT. [NG3K]

24/03/2012: Look for Eric, K9GY, to be active near Kabul, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, as T6MO in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/Low-Power entry, CQ zone 21. 100 watts into OCF dipole. Note: Possibly SOLP-20m if 10m conditions are not good. QSL via K9GY. [NG3K]

25/03/2012: The Mesilla Valley Radio Club of Las Cruces, New Mexico, will be operating special event station K5B on 25 March 2012 in conjunction with the 23rd annual Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon held annually at the White Sands Missle Range. K5B will operate from 1000z to 2300z, as near as possible to 3.893, 7.225, 14.330, and 21.337 MHz as band conditions permit. A commemorative QSL card for the event will be available by request. Send your QSL card

confirming your contact with business-sized self-addressed stamped envelope (please use a Forever stamp). Please write K5B in big letters on the lower, left-hand corner of the outer envelope. The K5B mailing address is: Special Events Station K5B, c/o Mesilla Valley Radio Club, PO Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1443. Website: www.n5bl.org/ [TCA]

26/03/2012: Brian, WB9QVR and Conner, KC9NOX plan a one day activation of Santa Rosa [aka Okaloosa] (NA-142, USi FL003S, Escambia/Okaloosa Counties), Florida, between the dates of 26 and 29 March, 2012. QRV as WB9QVR/4 on the HF bands, on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via WB9QVR, direct only. [rsgbiota.org]

29/03/2012: UPDATED TIME FRAME - Svein, LA9JKA, will be stationed at the Olonkin base on Jan Mayen Island (EU-022, WLOTA 1454) from 29 March, 2012, to 20 March, 2013. Expect activity on all HF bands and modes, during his spare time. QSL direct only to LA9JKA (Svein Rabbevag, Brendlia 12, N-6013 Alesund, Norway). No eQSL. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [dx-world.net]

30/03/2012: Tony, F8ATS, will sign F8ATS/6W from Le-Calao, la Somone, Senegal, between 30 March and 7 April, 2012. Holiday style operation. QSL via Bureau preferred. [F5NQL]

31/03/2012: Ray M1REK, Mark M0UTD and Tom M0DCG will be operating as GM6TW/p from the Isle of Jura (EU-008, IOSA NH21, SCOTIA CS28, WLOTA 3078, WW Loc. IO75AU, WAB NR56) between 31 March and 6 April, 2012. They will also be active from Islay (IOSA NH22, SCOTIA CS25, WLOTA 1826, WW Loc. IO65TS) and Colonsay (IOSA NH19, SCOTIA DI05, WLOTA 1574, WW Loc. IO65WU), Inner Hebrides (EU-008). If possible they will also try and go to Goat Island [aka Jura Small] (IOSA NH43, SCOTIA CS29, WW Loc. IO75BT). QSL via M0UTD, direct or Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. Website: www.m1rek.co.uk/jura-2012/ [dx-world.net]

08/04/2012: For the 27th Meeting of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes UFT, which will be held in Vineuil (WW Loc. JN07QN) (Near Blois, Center France), Department Loir-et-Cher/41 and Province of Centre (DPF 07), the special callsign TM27UFT will be aired from 8-22 April, 2012. QRV on HF, VHF and even more, CW only. All the QSOs will be confirmed via Bureau. QSL via the bureau to Gerard, F6ICG; same way for SWL cards as well. Direct cards, YL, OM & SWL, ok but only after 15th July, to Gerard, F6ICG. [F5NQL]

10/04/2012: Klaus, DL7UXG, will be active as homecall/p from Foehr Island (EU-042, GIA N-017, WFF DLFF-013, WLOTA 4067) from 10-12 April, 2012. QRV on the HF bands on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

19/04/2012: Mal, VK6LC, plans to be active as XV4LC from Vinh Long, Vietnam, between 19-24 April, 2012. QRV on 20m and 17m only, CW/SSB, whilst testing new portable station in the Mekong Delta. QSL via VK6LC (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

21/04/2012: An Oceania Dx Group (ODXG) team of 6 amateur radio operators from Australia will once again be activating YJ0VK from Nirvan Resort, Port Vila on Efate Island (OC-035, WW Loc. RH42DF), Vanuatu, from the 21st of April till the 5th of May. They plan to operate three stations as often as possible on 160-10 metres, with emphasis on the WARC bands. Modes will be SSB, CW and RTTY/PSK31. Operators include Allan VK2CA, Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Lee VK3GK, Michael VK3GHM and Benton VK3CBV. QSL via VK2CA, direct only. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Website: yj0vk.odxg.org/yj0vk2012/default.html [dx-world.net]

22/04/2012: Harry JG7PSJ, will once again be active from Chichi-jima (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, JCG #10007), Ogasawara, as JD1BMH between 22 April and 4 May, 2012.

QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Bureau to JD1BMH or direct only to JG7PSJ. Website: sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ [NG3K]

29/04/2012: Makoto, JI5RPT, will once again be active as JD1BLY from Chich-jima (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, JCG #10007, Grid Loc. QL17) between 29 April and 5 May, 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6m CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He will also work the Satellites. NO 6m EME. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Website: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ [NG3K]

10/05/2012: Look for Michael, DL4ABO, to be active as homecall/p from Neuwerk Island (EU-127, GIA N-012) and lighthouse (DLTD #38, ARLHS FED-165, TWLHD WLH DL-019, WLOTA 2311) on 10th and 11th May, 2012. This operation also counts for National Park and Nature Reserve Hamburg Wadden Sea (WFF DLFF-005). QRV on all HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/DL4ABO [rsgbiota.org]

15/05/2012: Helmut, DL5DSM and Bernhard, DL9UBF will be active as LA/homecalls from Vardo Island (EU-141, WLOTA 0106) from 15-23 May, 2012. They also plan a side trip to Horn?ya Island (EU-141, WLOTA 2751) using the callsigns LA/homecalls/p. QRV on the HF bands, all modes, using 100 Watts and GP antennas. QSL via home calls, Bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

26/05/2012: Luis, EA8AY, will be active as EE8X from Santa Cruz, Tenerife Island (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276, EAA TF), Canary Islands (AF-004, CQ zone 33) for the CQWW WPX CW Contest (26-27 May, 2012) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL direct to W2GR. [NG3K]

15/06/2012: The Burnaby Amateur Radio Club (VE7BAR) has been granted permission to use the special event callsign CG7CWPC to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the C.W. Parker Carousel at the Burnaby Village Museum. QRV on all HF bands and modes from 15 June to 15 July, 2012. QSL via VE7ESS, direct or Bureau. Website: www.ve7bar.org/ [RAC]

07/07/2012: Laurent, F8BBL, will sign TK12IOTA between 7-21 July 2012 from Olmeto beach, Corsica (EU-014, DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA 1390, WW Loc. JN41KQ, Dpt 2A). QRV mainly on CW, a little SSB and Data. Portable operations scheduled as follows: On 14 July, starting around 0800 UTC, TK12IOTA/P from Lavezzi Island (EU-164, DIFM TK-011, MIA MCO-007, WLOTA 0755, WW Loc. JN41PI, Dpt 2A). On 18 July, starting around 1000 UTC, TK12IOTA/P from Sanguinaires Island (EU-104, DIFM TK-002, MIA MCO-022, WLOTA 0098, WW Loc. JN41HV, Dpt 2A). Laurent will use a FT857D and Vertical MP1 antenna. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [F5NQL]

10/08/2012: Torkel, LA6VJA and Fredrik, LA6TMA plan to be active as JW6VJA and JW6TMA, respectively, from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125), Svalbard Archipelago, from 10-12 August, 2012. JW6VJA plans to be on CW with some SSB time and JW6TMA will be mostly using the digital modes. QSL via home calls. [K1XN]

16/08/2012: A YL DXpedition to Fair Isle (IOSA SH-09, WLOTA 1319), Shetland & Fair Isle (EU-012), using the call sign GB2YLS will take place between 16-22 August, 2012. Their main goal will be the 2012 Intenational Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (18-19 August - see: illw.net/) when they will activate the Fair Isle South (Skaddan) lighthouse (ILLW UK0127, ARLHS SCO-079, BARLS A3750, TWLHD WLH GM-028, Loc IO99EM, WAB NZ16). Team members include Unni LA6RHA, Chantal PA5YL, Ruth IT9ESZ/HB9LFM, Nicky MM5YLO, Elaine 2E1BVS and Denise MM6ZDW. QRV on the HF bands using both CW and SSB. QSL via Nicky, MM5YLO, Bureau or direct. [F5NQL]

09/09/2012: Operators Lance, W7GJ and Bob, ZL1RS will once again team up to do a 6 metre (Lance) and 2 metre (Bob) EME DXpedition from Niue Island (OC-040, WLOTA 2139, Grid Loc. AH51) between 9-21 September, 2012. Lance will use the callsign ZK2GJ, while Bob will probably use his old callsign ZK2RS. For 6m EME, Lance plans to operate on 50.190 mHz and transmit in the first sequence JT65A mode. QSL ZK2GJ via W7GJ and ZK2RS via ZL1RS DIRECT ONLY. Further information, schedule, photos and updates at: www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Niue2012.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

05/10/2012: Martello Tower Group members Keith G6NHU, Tony G0MBA, Yan M0YNK, Colin M1EAK, Chris M6GSD and Richard G7HJK have planned a DXpedition to Herm Island (EU-114) which will take place from 5-7 October, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via the Bureau to GP0PKT, or direct to G6NHU. Website: www.qrz.com/db/GP0PKT [rsgbiota.org]

21/11/2012: Look for Bob, AA7V and Art, N3DXX to be active as VP2/homecalls from the island of Tortola, British Virgin Islands (NA-023), between 21 November and 1 December, 2012. QRV 160-10 metres, all modes. They will also participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November) using the callsign VP2V/N3DXX, a Multi-Single entry from CQ zone 8. QSL via home callsigns. [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

16/03/2011: In connection with the Eurovision Song Contest in Baku, the Azerbaijan Ministry of Communications has issued the callsigns 4JS0NG and 4KS0NG to be used until 15 June, 2012. QSL via RU3SD. [dx-world.net]

16/03/2011: Members of the Radio club Cerkno (S50E) will be active using special event callsigns S555E and S55CERKNO throughout 2012. Activity is to celebrate the 55th club foundation anniversary. A special full color four face folded QSL will confirm each contact via the Bureau in early 2013. S555E and S55CERKNO logs will also be uploaded to LoTW on a regular basis so please feel free to match your log for digital certification. Online logs can be found at club website (www.s50e.si/) For those who want to send card direct please send SASE with 2$ to cover return postage to Radioclub Cerkno, P.O. Box 16, 5282 Cerkno, Slovenia, with priority return when getting cards from the printer. Cards with insufficient postage or no return envelope will be returned via the QSL Bureau. [S50U]

16/03/2011: Ron, VA3RVK, is currently active from Toronto, Ontario, using the special callsign XL3T until 9 April, 2012. Activity is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster. QRV CW and SSB on all HF bands. QSL via VA3RVK (see QRZ.com). [RAC]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

16/03-18/03 DM50IOTA: Fehmarn Island WLOTA:0637 QSL DL2VFR (d/b)
16/03-20/03 JW2XNA: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA2XNA (d/b)
16/03-20/03 JW8HGA: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA8HGA (d/b)
16/03-23/03 S92DX: Ilheu Rolas WLOTA:1622 QSL K0KKO (d)
16/03-23/03 S9CW: Ilheu Rolas WLOTA:1622 QSL K0GUV (d)
16/03-23/03 S9SX: Ilheu Rolas WLOTA:1622 QSL K0KKO (d)
17/03-29/03 D44TRS: Ilha de Sao Vicente WLOTA:1976 QSL KU9C (d/b)
18/03-21/03 DL6AP/P: Ruegen Island WLOTA:1712 QSL HC (d/b)
18/03-22/03 FO/JI1JKW: Rangiroa Atoll WLOTA:2404 QSL HC (d/b)
20/03-27/03 P40W: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL N2MM (d)
21/03-28/03 DA0HEL: Helgoland Island WLOTA:0518 QSL DF6QC (b)

21/03-27/03 EF8C: Isla de Tenerife WLOTA:1276 QSL EB7DX (d)
21/03-22/03 FH/DL7BC: Mayotte Island WLOTA:0376 QSL HC (d/b)
21/03-27/03 P4/DF7ZS: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL HC (d/b)
21/03-27/03 P40S: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL DF7ZS (d/b)
21/03-27/03 PJ4/K4BAI: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL HC (d/LoTW)
21/03-27/03 PJ4/NA4BW: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL HC (d/LoTW)
21/03-27/03 PJ4/W4DXX: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL HC (d/LoTW)
21/03-27/03 PJ4/WW4LL: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL HC (d/LoTW)
22/03-26/03 CE0Y/NL8F: Isla de Pascua WLOTA:0319 QSL K8NA (d)
23/03-28/03 9M8Z: Borneo Island WLOTA:0119 QSL M0URX (d/b)
23/03-06/04 TO7BC: Mayotte Island WLOTA:0376 QSL DL7BC (d/b)
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6 METRES & UP -

True Ham Spirit:
Yuri,UT1FG, was recently active as UT1FG/mm via satellites and on 6m from several wet grids. He lost his 12V power supply after he has left the port in Nicaragua. Captain Manolis Joannou,HP2ECP, gave him a spare supply when they met at sea.
See the full story at: www.papays.com/sat/power/ut1fgpanama.html

- Tropo over Northern Europe -
After a long time there is finally some tropo to report. Northern Europe is the place to be and QSO's are reported up to 1500 km from the United Kingdom into Italy.
Check http://mmmonvhf.de/tr.php for details. [MMMonVHF]

16/03-23/03 S92DX: Ilheu Rolas AF-023 Grid:JI39 6m 1Kw + EME QSL K0KKO (d)
16/03-23/03 S9CW: Ilheu Rolas AF-023 Grid:JI39 6m 1Kw + EME QSL K0GUV (d)
16/03-23/03 S9SX: Ilheu Rolas AF-023 Grid:JI39 6m 1Kw + EME QSL K0KKO (d)
17/03-18/03 John Moyle Memorial Field Day V/U/SHF 17 0100z-18 0059z
17/03-18/03 Oklahoma QSO Party 6m included 17 1300z-18 1900z
17/03 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 144 MHz 1400z-1659z
17/03-18/03 Virginia QSO Party 6m-70cm included 17 1400z-18 2400z
17/03 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 432 MHz 1700z-1759z
17/03-18/02 North Dakota QSO Party 6m Class 17 1700z-18 0100z
18/03 UBA Spring 6m Contest Phone/CW 18 0700z-1100z
18/03-27/03 A25CF: Tuli Block, Botswana Grid:KG47CH 6m 100W QSL K5LBU (d)
18/03-27/03 A25DS: Tuli Block, Botswana Grid:KG47CH 6m 100W QSL VE7DS (d)
18/03-27/03 A25JR: Tuli Block, Botswana Grid:KG47CH 6m 100W QSL N5JR (d)
18/03-27/03 A25KW: Tuli Block, Botswana Grid:KG47CH 6m 100W QSL VE7MID (d)
20/03 LY 1296MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
20/03 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
20/03 RSGB 2.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
20/03-11/04 VP5/W5CW: Provo NA-002 Grid:FL31VS 6m CW/SSB 7el M2 QSL HC (d)
20/03-26/03 YB8Y: Ohoiew Island OC-221 Grid:PI64HH 6m CW/SSB QSL YB1GJS (d/b)
22/03-26/03 XU7DDD: Sihanoukville Grid:OK10 6m SSB/Digi QSL JA2VWG (d)
22/03-26/03 XU7NPC: Sihanoukville Grid:OK10 6m SSB/Digi QSL JA7LU (d/b)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_mar.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 14 March, 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

XW1A and XW?ZJZ - Laos - Current Operations

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Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: None to report !

QSLs via Direct: 3D2R (YT1AD), 5W1SA (JA1DXA), 8Q7DV (UA9CLB), AP2IA (QRZ.com), EP3PK (IK2DUW), GJ6UW (M?BLF), H4?KJ (SP7DQR), HK1/EA7ATX [SA-040] (H/c), J8/JA7SGV (H/c), MU/PA9M (H/c), PJ4/WA1Z (H/c), RI1ANR (RK1PWA), RK1PWA/P [EU-086] (H/c), T32C (G3NUG), TL?CW (DK7PE), TO3J (JA1HGY), UA1PBA/? [AS-055] (RK1PWA), V63KZ (JA?VSH) and ZL1RS (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: XW3DT
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

CY0 - SABLE ISLAND -
Alan, VE1AWW returns to Sable island (NA-063, CIsA NS004, WFF CYFF-001, WLOTA 0758) beginning early April 2012. Activity again during spare time. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

RUSSIAN DX CONTEST 2012 -

The Russian DX Contest team has great pleasure to invite you to take part in RDXC-2012 held March 17-18, 2012 at 1200z-1200z.

We would like to see you among increasing number of RDXC participants and we promise you great activity of Russian stations from almost all Russian regions.

We remind you that logs' dead line is 14 days since 2011. But for those individuals and clubs who aim a spot in the Top 3 list, logs' dead line is 36 hours after the end of the contest. They also must indicate the frequency of every QSO made with a minimum resolution of 1 kHz.

Our e-mail for logs is logs[at]rdxc.org. The robot will check your log and you will receive confirmation e-mail. You can also check log's receiption at: www.rdxc.org/asp/pages/logs.asp

At our WEB page (www.rdxc.org/) you can find news, rules, trophies list, tips & hints and a lot of useful information about RDXC. The contest rules are presented on 15 languages. You will also find results from 1997 till 2011, contest FAQ, some important analysis, articles, contest records, announced operations, photo gallery and much more.

RDXC contest rules are very democratic - you can work anybody and make your best score within 24 hours time format.

We offer participants RDXC-2012 to add their results and monitor the results of other competitors online (www.cqcontest.ru/). Final results and impressions of the contest, you can add to our site: www.rdxc.org/

We hope to have your signals in forthcoming RDXC-2012.

RDXC committee: RW1AC, UA2FZ, RC5A, RA3AUU
www.rdxc.org/

Triathlon DX Contest announcement

It all started in August of 2011. That was about when it occurred to Mike, SV5BYR that a big Greek Contest was missing from international Ham Radio Contest Calendar. By the end of September this idea became mature and so the "Triathlon" was born! A triathlon is a multi-sport event involving the completion of three continuous and sequential endurance events. And as you have already guessed, it is a Greek word. We had to change a bit the name to Triathlon DX Contest to match our activity.

Actually, trying here to simulate the original Triathlon athletic event, we involved three major ham radio modes, SSB, CW and RTTY. It will be a 24 hour non-stop event divided in three sections, each one devoted to a different mode. There are some tentative rules of the contest that you can take a look. It will take place on Saturday, the 1st full weekend of February, debuting on 02-02-2013.

After all, what makes this particular contest unique is the special gift for the winner! (take a look to the prize page)

In this point we have to mention all the Greek amateurs who are working to make this event alive: SV1DPI, SV1NK, SV2AGW, SV2DCD, SV5BYR, SV7JAR, SV8CS, SV8RX, SV9GPV, SV9DJO. There is still a lot of work to be done and more details to be announced. Stay tuned!

MORE here: http://triathlon-dx-contest.blogspot.com/

Mike E. Balaskas, SV5BYR
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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